

# HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

## MAYOR JONES HAS TILT WITH MR. G. W. ROWE

Personalities Indulged in White Street Railway Ordinance Was Before Hampton Council.

SHORT, BUT LIVELY WHILE IT LASTED

Old Question of Y. M. C. A. Building Line Again Before the Council—Locust Street Will Probably be Paved With Vitrified Brick—Other Business Transacted.

Had it not been for an interesting tilt between Mayor Thornton F. Jones and Councilman George W. Rowe, which occurred near the close of the session, the meeting of the city council last night would have proven a rather tame affair, although it was a lengthy session.

The occasion of the misunderstanding between the mayor and Mr. Rowe was the discussion of an ordinance regulating the stopping of cars in the streets. Mayor Jones referred to the fact that the ordinance would likely cause the street railway company to stop delivering freight to the merchants.

It was suggested that the word "passenger" be inserted, and in opposing this, Mr. Rowe made reference to the fact that Mayor Jones is the freight agent of the street railway.

Mayor Jones warmly defended himself from any insinuations, saying that some "thick headed people" thought a man could not do his duty when employed by a corporation. He said he had always done his duty as mayor conscientiously and defied any man to say that he ever showed any favors to the company.

Councilman Rowe disclaimed any intention of reflecting in the slightest on the mayor's integrity.

Mayor Jones just at the close of the meeting made a public apology to Councilman Rowe.

When Vice-President C. Vernon Spratley called the body to order the following councilmen were in their seats: Messrs. E. R. Schrandt, L. F. Whitling, Frank W. Darling, H. T. Booker, Frank C. Rees, R. C. Lee, C. R. Holtzclaw, Thomas S. Haskins, W. S. Huggins and John Weymouth. Messrs. George W. Rowe, W. W. Richardson and W. P. Isley came in during the session and took their seats.

Mayor Jones came in during the reading of the minutes by City Clerk George W. Hope and assumed the duties of presiding officer.

Several Reports Handed In.

Mayor Jones reported that he collected fines and fees amounting to \$103.05, less uncollected fines of \$57.

The report of Town Sergeant Walter E. Owens showed that 38 arrests and 9 violations of ordinances were reported by the police officers during the month of May.

Chairman Richardson, of the finance committee, reported that coupons, representing \$140 interest on the city's bonded indebtedness were in his hands, and the council ordered their destruction by burning.

The street committee recommended that the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric Company, be permitted to use vitrified brick in paving Locust street and that the city pay the additional cost of \$1,200; instead of allowing the use of the Haddon concrete material. Messrs. R. H. Richardson & Son offered to put down the concrete at \$1.63 per square yard and vitrified brick at \$2.23 per square yard.

In the discussion it developed that the railway company is to pave all of the street from Queen to Brown, and only between the tracks for two feet on either side for the rest of the street. This would mean a small cost to the city, so far as the extra charge for brick goes.

To be Settled at Future Meeting.

Councilman Rees wanted to know where the money is coming from to do the paving. He thought the paving should begin at the Chesapeake & Ohio depot and run into Queen.

Captain Darling finally offered a resolution that the ordinance committee be instructed to draft an ordinance changing the material from Haddon to vitrified brick, and report to an adjourned session of the council. Referred to street and finance committees.

Captain Darling made a lengthy report as to the shelling of the streets. He said it was impossible to secure carts for the purpose at this time.

Councilman Booker entered a protest against the rapid running of cars in Locust street.

Mr. W. W. Butler, general manager of the company, said the company was attempting to remedy all these complaints.

For Street Lighting.

The light and water committee reported recommending that five arc lights, 40 six candle power Zenosken lights, and 25 gas lights be installed for lighting the streets for a period of three years. The total cost for all lights will be \$2,095.

The report was unanimously adopted and the city authorities were directed to enter into the necessary contract.

The ordinance committee submitted

a report recommending the creation of a chain gang; an ordinance regulating the stopping of street cars and an ordinance covering the building line along South King street.

The committee's report was accepted, and each ordinance recommended was taken up separately.

Mr. J. M. Cumming opposed the passage of the ordinance regulating the building line, declaring that he favored a sidewalk of 14 feet, and that only one property owner opposed this. He said why not adopt the building line down to the Y. M. C. A. and let the street remain as it is until a later date.

Councilman Weymouth favored maintaining the ordinance passed several months ago.

Councilman Holtzclaw, who drew the plan and is contractor for building the Y. M. C. A., explained the plan and showed where the building would project further out than the ordinance under discussion would permit.

Mr. S. Gordon Cumming, appearing as attorney for Mr. George W. Phillips, who owns property adjoining the Y. M. C. A., addressed the council. Mr. Cumming ably defended Mr. Phillips' position in opposing the line adopted some time ago by the council. Mr. Cumming said Mr. Phillips' father had been the first man to really give the town a wide sidewalk.

It was finally agreed to allow the building line to remain as heretofore, as all interested persons agreed to this proposition.

The Crab Scrap Nuisance.

The council spent some time discussing the best method of disposing of the crab scrap nuisance. An ordinance directing that the refuse shall be hauled through the streets, only after sun down, was presented.

It was finally decided to adopt an ordinance preventing the hauling of putrid scraps through the city and imposing a fine upon any person hauling such refuse. This means that the scrap must be hauled away before decomposition starts in.

An ordinance, offered by Captain Darling, was passed instructing the street committee to draft an ordinance covering the regulation of the speed of trolley cars in the city.

Councilman Weymouth called the attention of the city sergeant to the condition of the pig pen across Hampton bridge.

For Muzzling Dogs.

Councilman Spratley offered an ordinance amending an old ordinance, enforcing the muzzling of dogs in the city. The ordinance imposes a fine on all owners of canines who allow them to run at large without the muzzles.

Councilman Huggins in advocating the dog muzzling ordinance, related an experience he had with a mad dog a few days ago. The canine went mad almost in a second and bit the captain of a tug.

Dr. Isley opposed muzzling dogs, claiming that by placing a muzzle on a dog caused the animal to go mad.

Mr. E. B. Chiles, a former member of the council, addressed the council protesting against the present condition of Wine street. He said the north end of the street was worse than any road or alley in the county. Referred to street committee.

Remarks Were Personal.

An ordinance was offered requiring street cars to stop on the near side of the street and not allowing a car to stand on the street for a longer period than five minutes at any one time. It was adopted.

After the adoption of the ordinance it was suggested that the ordinance might work a hardship on the freight department of the railway company. It was suggested that the word "passenger car" be inserted.

Councilman Rowe opposed the change and in saying so referred to the fact that Mayor Jones was the freight agent of the company.

Mayor Jones replied very emphatically to Councilman Rowe. He said that some "narrow" persons thought a man could not work for a corporation and do justice to other parties. He emphatically denied that he has ever shown any favors from his official position to the street railway and he thought Mr. Rowe's remarks were unkind and uncalled for.

Councilman Rowe disclaimed any intention of reflecting on Mayor Jones and added that he had always considered the mayor absolutely fair in his dealings to the city.

The incident was then closed. It was finally decided to change the ordinance so as to read "passenger cars."

A resolution was passed instructing the street committee to advertise for bids for repairing King street and for paving and curbing the street from the old limits to Mallory avenue.

Captain Darling said he gathered figures showing that the cost would approximate \$10,000.

The request of Dr. N. Williams for an extension of the sewer was laid on the table.

Chain Gang Ordinance Goes Over.

The chain gang ordinance was laid on the table until the next meeting of the council.

Under a suspension of the rules, the sum of \$600 was appropriated from the street committee fund for shelling the streets.

The council will meet in adjourned session on Monday evening, June 11.

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## BILL FOR PLATT TO PAY

Jury Says He Is Liable for Estranged Wife's Debt.

FREEDOM HAS COST HIM \$75,000

Under Separation Pact She Was to Get Lump Sum of \$25,000 and Remainder in Monthly Installments on Condition That She Bring No Divorce Suit.

NEW YORK, June 4.—United States Senator Thomas C. Platt will be compelled to pay to the law firm of Marsh, Winslow & Weaver \$24,711 expenses, which they paid for Mrs. Lillian Jane Platt, the senator's wife, during the pendency of her suit for separation. This was the verdict of a jury in the Supreme Court which heard the testimony in the case.

It developed that Senator Platt agreed to pay his wife \$75,000 in lieu of all her claims upon him, besides recognizing her as the absolute owner of Tiosa Lodge at Highland Mills, and of several other smaller pieces of property which he had deeded to her while they were still good friends.

No Divorce Suit in New York.

In return, Mrs. Platt agreed not to bother him any more with any demands for her support. She also agreed to drop her suit for divorce, which she had already begun in this county, and to institute no other action for divorce against him anywhere or at any time based on a charge of adultery. But she reserved the right, specifically set forth in the agreement, to sue him for a divorce at any time in any state where desertion or other cause than adultery is recognized as good ground for a divorce suit.

Mrs. Platt did not discontinue her suit in this county, and as far as the senator's lawyers are aware she has not yet begun any suit for divorce in any other state up to date.

The agreement also sets forth just how the \$75,000 was to be paid to Mrs. Platt. There was a fight over this, but Mrs. Platt was finally persuaded to accept the trustee arrangement on condition that she should select her own trustee. She chose for this office one of her lawyers, Daniel D. Wolf Wever. Under the trust agreement Mrs. Platt received \$25,000 cash down, and Senator Platt agreed to pay her \$10,000 a year in monthly installments of \$888.35 for five years. These payments have been made regularly to Mr. Wever, as trustee, since the agreement was signed.

Lawyers Come to Terms.

According to the testimony of Mr. Wever, it was agreed that the senator would accept responsibility for and pay all debts incurred by Mrs. Platt up to the date of the actual separation. But the senator demurred to paying the bills which she had contracted after that date, except such as were for the ordinary necessities which a husband is legally responsible for. He demurred in particular to bills from Tiffany's, from Altman & Co., and she was informed that she would have to pay those bills herself out of the cash payment she was to get when the agreement would be signed. Mrs. Platt, who sat in one room of Mr. Wever's office, while Judge Hatch sat in the next, Wever acting as the transmitter, refused point blank to accept any such proposal. She wanted all her bills paid to date, so that she could start fresh with the full cash payment in hand.

Mr. Wever testified that an understanding was arrived at between the two lawyers, by which Wever, in the name of his firm agreed to accept responsibility for all Mrs. Platt's debts since September 20, and to pay them on the promise by Judge Hatch that he would see that the firm was reimbursed. Mrs. Platt was then told, according to Wever, that she was to get the \$25,000 in full, without deductions for her debts, and on that understanding she signed the agreement and got the \$25,000.

The bills footed up between \$6,000 and \$7,000, according to Mr. Wever, and included several items for diamonds and expensive gowns.

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DECLARES FOUR PER CENT

Splendid Showing During the Past Six Months Means Additional 1 Per Cent to Stockholders.

The stockholders of the Merchants' National Bank will have every reason to be happy today, when they learn that the board of directors, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, not only declared the usual semiannual dividend of 2 per cent, but voted the stockholders an additional 1 per cent dividend for the past six months. This action means that on the first day of July the dividend checks will be for 4 instead of 3 per cent. The directors found that the net earnings during the past six months have been at the rate of 12 per cent and after placing another \$1,000 in the surplus fund the directors decided that the additional 1 per cent dividend could be declared.

This is a most remarkable showing for a young banking institution, especially during these times when things financial are supposed to be in a demoralized state. It is another striking testimonial of the solidity of Hampton financially, as well as the excellent condition of the Merchants' National Bank.

Mr. Marshall von Schilling, the cashier, will represent the bank at the state convention at Hot Springs, on June 18, 19 and 20.

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## Matters Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marcus, who have been visiting in New York for the past several days, are expected to return to Hampton this morning.

Mr. F. S. Causey, who has been ill at his home in Texas, arrived in Hampton last night for a visit with his mother.

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gallon.....\$4.00

Leonard's Favorite, 1/2 pt., 30c;

gallon.....\$3.00

Hunter's Baltimore Rye, 1/2 pt., 25c;

gallon.....\$4.00

Maryland Club, 1/2 pt., 25c; gal-

lon.....\$4.00

Paul Jones Pure Rye, 1/2 pt., 20c;

gallon.....\$2.75

Star A. Rye, gallon.....\$2.00

Moss Rose, gallon.....\$2.00

Larkwood Pure Rye, gallon.....\$2.00

Jefferson Pure Rye, gallon.....\$1.75

Kentucky Bourbon, gallon.....\$1.40

Double Stamp Gin, gallon.....\$2.00

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